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Bernard Fulton, Deputy Asst. Secretary for Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 10148
Washington, DC 20410-1000

Dear Mr. Fulton:

I am writing to express my support for a grant application submitted by the City of Marshalltown, Iowa, for Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant. They have requested \$3.4 million to continue their regional efforts in Marshall, Tama and Hardin Counties, while adding Story and Benton Counties to their territory.

Marshalltown has been a very active participant in the Lead Program for several years, remediating over 500 housing units and operating an aggressive education and outreach campaign on the dangers of lead poisoning. The combination of older housing and lower income households often leads to deteriorated housing due to lack of financial resources to maintain a home, putting children at risk. HUD financing for lead hazard reduction has led to the creation of significant amount of safe and affordable housing and the City is hoping to continue to build on this success.

I hope you will give every consideration to this project. Please direct any correspondence regarding this matter to my grants office in Des Moines. Thank you for this opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,



Tom Harkin
United States Senator

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